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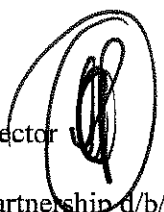
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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 337** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off North Street (Route 63), Goshen, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from the Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Goshen, Connecticut.

Cellco proposes to erect a 150-foot steel monopole that would be designed as a monopine. The tower would be built within a 42-foot by 70-foot equipment compound that would be located on a 233-acre undeveloped parcel.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed prime and alternate site, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through pre-hearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

The applicant has stated that all service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in the Waterbury Republican-American.

IV. Procedural

The Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt of an application. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Adriana Popa as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Goshen on Thursday, August 9, 2007, and depositing the transcript in the Goshen Town Halls.

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V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	05/08/07
Completeness review	06/07/07
Subcommittee meeting	06/07/07
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	06/08/07
• Set-One responses due	06/28/07
• Set-Two Filed	07/03/07
• Set-Two responses due	07/24/06
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	07/11/07
Pre-filed testimony due	08/01/07
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	08/03/07
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	08/09/07
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	08/09/07
Close of Record	09/10/07
Draft Findings of Fact	09/13/07
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	09/26/07
Deadline for Decision	11/04/07
180-day extension date	05/02/07

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